

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :**      **CRIMINAL NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**V. :**      **DATE FILED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHATIMA NICKERSON :**      **VIOLATIONS:**

**:**      **18 U.S.C. §§ 924(a)(1)(A) (false**

**:**      **statements to firearms dealer - 6 counts)**

**:**      **Notice of forfeiture**

**INDICTMENT**

**COUNTS ONE THROUGH SIX**

**THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:**

At all times material to this indictment:

1.      The Firing Line Incorporated, 1532 South Front Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, possessed a federal firearms license (“FFL”) and was authorized to deal in firearms under federal laws.
2.      Colosimo’s Incorporated, 933 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, possessed an FFL and was authorized to deal in firearms under federal laws.
3.      FFL holders were licensed, among other things, to sell firearms and ammunition. Various rules and regulations promulgated under the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 44 (Sections 921-929) govern the manner in which FFL holders are permitted to sell firearms and ammunition.

4. The rules and regulations governing FFL holders require that a person seeking to purchase a handgun fill out a Firearms Transaction Record, ATF Form 4473. Part of the Form 4473 requires that the prospective purchaser certify that all his or her answers on Form 4473 are true and correct, including, that he or she is the actual buyer of the firearm. The ATF Form 4473 contains language warning that “[t]he federal firearms laws require that the individual filling out this form must be buying the firearm for himself or as a gift. Any individual who is not buying the firearm for himself or herself or as a gift, but who completes this form, violates the law.”

5. FFL holders are required to maintain a record, in the form of a completed Form 4473, of the identity of the actual buyer of firearms sold by the FFL holder.

6. A person who falsely completes Form 4473 and falsely states that he or she is buying a firearm for himself or herself when he or she is intending to purchase a firearm for another person is a “straw purchaser.”

7. On or about each of the dates listed below, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

**SHATIMA NICKERSON,**

in connection with the acquisition of the firearms listed below from the FFL holders listed below, knowingly made a false statement and representation with respect to information required to be kept in the FFL holders’ records, in that, defendant SHATIMA NICKERSON falsely represented that she was the actual buyer of the firearms listed below, when in fact she well knew those representations to be false:

<b>Count</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>FFL Holder</b>	<b>Firearm</b>	<b>Serial Number</b>
1	1/28/03	Colosimo's Inc. 933 Spring Garden St. Philadelphia, PA.	Kel-Tec Model P-11 9mm pistol	131550
2	4/19/04	Firing Line, Inc. 1532 South Front St. Philadelphia, PA.	Smith and Wesson Model 5906 9mm pistol	TEY 6800
3	4/26/04	Firing Line, Inc. 1532 South Front St. Philadelphia, PA.	Kel-Tec Model P-11 9mm pistol	AO338
4	5/15/04	Firing Line, Inc. 1532 South Front St. Philadelphia, PA.	Walther Model PPK-S .380 caliber pistol	056311
5	7/7/04	Firing Line, Inc. 1532 South Front St. Philadelphia, PA.	Smith and Wesson Model 4053 .40 caliber pistol	VAD8219
6	8/11/04	Firing Line, Inc. 1532 South Front St. Philadelphia, PA.	Llama Model 380 .380 caliber pistol	642178

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A).

**NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

**THE GRAND JURY FURTHER CHARGES THAT:**

As a result of the violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A) set forth in this indictment, defendant

**SHATIMA NICKERSON**

shall forfeit to the United States of America the firearms involved in the commission of these offenses, including, but not limited to:

- (A) Kel-Tec, Model P-11 9mm pistol, serial number 1315502
- (B) Smith and Wesson, Model 5906 9mm pistol, serial number TEY 6800
- (C) Kel-Tec, Model P-11 9mm pistol, serial number AO338
- (D) Walther, Model PPK-S .380 caliber pistol, serial number 056311
- (E) Smith and Wesson, Model 4053 .40 caliber pistol, serial number VAD8219
- (F) Llama, Model 380 .380 caliber pistol, serial number 642178

All pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d).

**A TRUE BILL:**

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**FOREPERSON**

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**PATRICK L. MEEHAN**  
**United States Attorney**